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In re Application of:)
Christopher Marshall) Group Art Unit: 3682
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows prior to substantive examination. An Office Action issued on October 22, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was made, but which does not substantively address the claims. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant is voluntarily canceling several claims and amending certain others of the pending claims, but is not adding any new claims. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment does not affect the restriction requirement. Applicant is concurrently filing an Election. Applicant requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the election, and that the election apply to the claims as pending after entry of this Amendment.



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ELECTION

In response to the Office Action of October 22, 2003,¹ in which a restriction requirement is set forth, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, including claims 1-6-and 9-29.

Applicant has filed a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with this Election in which certain claims are canceled and certain claims are amended, but none are added. This election is made in view of that Preliminary Amendment, and with the expectation and understanding that the election herein is as to the claims as amended.

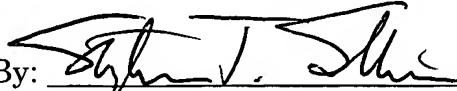
It is Applicant's understanding and belief that there are no fees due in connection with the filing of this Election or the Preliminary Amendment. If there is a

¹ November 22, 2003 is a Saturday, making November 24, 2003 the end of the period for response.

fee due or if there are any other fees required in connection with the prosecution of this application, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 501324.

Dated: November 24, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

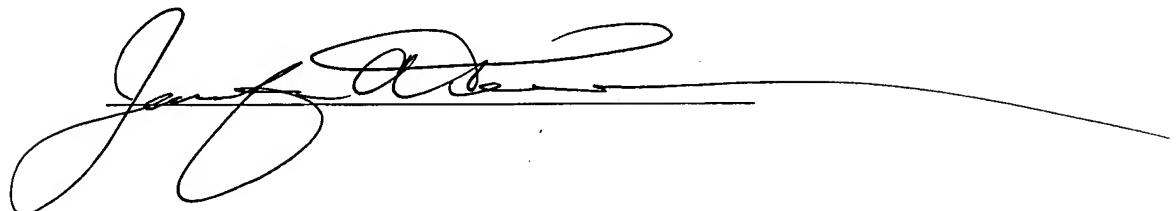
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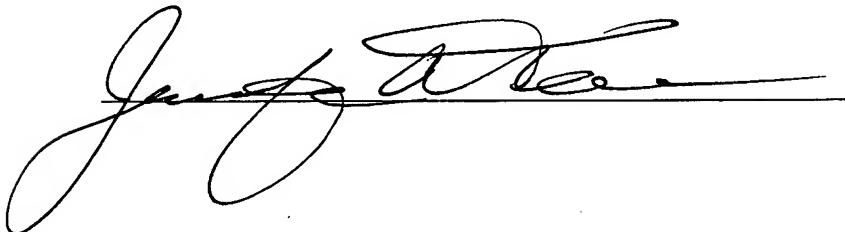
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